

PROPOSALS

To all such People as are minded to Transport or
Concern themselves in the Island of

TOBAGO,

Which lieth about forty Leagues South from Barbadoes.

WHereas his Majesty the King of Great Britain, that now is, hath given and granted unto *James Duke of Courland*, his Heirs and Successors, the said Island of *Tobago*, on Condition that none shall inhabit the said Island, save only the Subjects, of the King of *England* and the Duke of *Courland*, their Heirs and Successors : On the said Condition, Captain *John Poyntz* hath contracted with the said Duke, that himself and Company settle One hundred and Twenty Thousand Acres of Land in the said Island, and to have several great and large Priviledges; Some of which are here incerted, viz.

Imprimis, That One Hundred & Twenty Thousand Acres of Land in the said Island of *Tobago*, is given and granted to the said *Poyntz* and Company, and their Heirs for ever; and Seven Years to be free from Payment of any Rent; and after the Expiration of Seven Years each for himself is to pay Two Pence *per Acre* every Year to the said Duke, his Lawful Heirs and Successors.

Secondly, That *Poyntz* and Company, and all the Inhabitants, shall enjoy Liberty of Conscience, without Interruption; Roman Catholics only Excepted.

Thirdly, That *Poyntz* and Company, &c. are to be Governed by a Governour, Deputy Governour, and Assembly, to be yearly chosen by the Majority of Freeholders Votes, of the People in the Island, to make good and wholesome Laws for the good Government and Defence of the said Island; and all Controversies in the Premises to be decided by the Majority of Voices.

Note, These are but Breviates and part of the Heads of the Grant from the Duke of *Courland*, Ratified to *Poyntz* and Company, whereby they hold and enjoy their Land; for that end the said *Poyntz* and Company do refer all People to *The Present Prospect of Tobago*, now in the Press, and to the Grant, as more at large; as also to them that have been on the Skirt or Body of the said Island, to confirm the Truth of the Products thereof.

Proposals for Further Encouragement.

First, Those which are desirous to concern themselves in the said Island, shall and may have as much Land as they themselves please, either by Lease or Purchase; onely they are to put upon every Fifteen Acres of Land one *White Man*, and so in proportion to the rest; and this to be done in Three Years time.

Secondly, All Persons that are desirous to Transport themselves to the said Island in the quality of Servants, shall have *Better Encouragement* from Captain Poyntz and Company, than has been yet Propounded by any of His Majesties Subjects in any *Settlement* in the *American Plantations*.

Thirdly, And for a further Encouragement, All those Persons and Planters that are any ways concerned in the Premises, shall have *Credit* given unto them from Crop to Crop, as the *Factory* is stor'd, for what they shall stand in need of; for which the said Company will Erect a *Bank or Factory of Credit* in the said Island, the Debtor allowing only two and a half *per Cent*.

Fourthly, All Merchants and others that shall import any Negroes or other Merchandise into the said Island, shall have their Goods and Debts Insured, and disposed of, for Two and a Half *per Cent*. with Factorage, Storage, Wharfage, &c. And Exported again for Two and a Half *per Cent*. more. And all *Tradesmen* and Others that Contract any Debts amongst themselves, shall have Credit given them out of the *Bank or Factory*, from Crop to Crop, for Two and a Half *per Cent*. And the *Proprietors* do engage their Whole Interest for the True Performance of the aforesaid Premises.

Fifthly, All Merchants and others that have Goods fit to Accommodate the said Island, and have not ready Money to purchase Land, nor to pay for their own or Servants Passage, such may barter with Goods in lieu of Money: Always provided, This implies only such Persons as contract with the *Proprietors*, or some of them, before the first Shipping departs out of the River of *Thames*, to Ship off, as above, their proportion of *Goods or People*, as is already sufficiently above-expressed.

For the Accommodation of all Persons that desire to be Concern'd in the above-named Island of *TOBAGO*, some of the *Proprietors*, or their Agents, will give their Attendance every day in the Week, at Mr. *Nathaniel Morin's*, at the *Blew Anchor* in *Finch-Lane*, near the *Royal Exchange*, from Eight a Clock in the Morning, till two in the Afternoon: And at *Jones's Coffee-House* in *Ship-yard* in *Bartholomew Lane*, from two in the Afternoon till four. And at the *Amsterdam-Coffee-House* in *Bartholomew Lane* from four in the Afternoon till six. Whereany Person may receive more Particular Satisfaction.

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